

MONDAY EC CONFERENCE CALL
Summary
11/06/17

FY'18 Performance Plans – Mary Ellen Radzikowski

- As part of an OPM government wide effort, SES and Title 42 performance measures will be developed to cascade down throughout the organization.
- If you have not drafted your FY'18 performance measures yet in USA Performance, look at the high level measures for Jennifer, Bruce, Chris and Mary Ellen (attached to the meeting invitation).
- Greater levels of specificity will be reflected in the performance measures as we go down into the organization.
- For now, roll over last year's standards and get them into the system. The revised standards will be finalized in the near future.
- At the recent MC face to face meeting, the deputies worked on how to do cascading performance measures.
- Mary Ellen will work with Suzanne and Jenn, as well as the MC on a timeline for completion.

Administrator's Senior Staff Meeting – Jennifer Orme-Zavaleta

- The hearings will be held on Wednesday for Deputy Administrator nominee Andrew Wheeler and CEQ chair nominee Kathleen Hartnett-White.
- Senator Mitchell has called for cloture on Bill Wehrum, the nominee for AA for the Office of Air and Radiation.
- ORD was one of the top 4 organizations to achieve 4 of the 5 small business goals this year. It was a team effort of NCER, OPARM and OARS.
- The agency will be celebrating Veterans on Wednesday and it will be telecast. NHEERL is holding a Veterans breakfast in RTP on Monday, November 13.
- Henry Darwin is sending out the next steps on developing targets and mission measures. Translation of ORD mission measures was received today and will be forwarded to the EC. At the EMC meeting at the end of November, they will be looking at the agency wide measures in addition to specific organization measures.
- OCSPP is issuing registration for a new insecticide for *wolbachia millenia gaster* mosquitoes.
- OGC has received a challenge to a proposal for a 1 year delay for a composite formaldehyde rule.
- Region 1
 - The State of Connecticut has decided to return the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS) program back to the agency. The State does not have the money to implement the program.
- Region 4
 - The Region is dealing with a recent occurrence of asbestos contamination in Rock Hill, SC.

- Region 5
 - In Flint, there is continuing concern over the switch of water sources.
 - The court required a 5 year plan, but the city only submitted a 2 year plan.
 - There is a recall vote tomorrow for the mayor.
- Region 7
 - Jim Guilford, the new RA, is conducting briefings on the Hill this week, including one on West Lake Landfill.
- Region 9
 - The Region is making progress managing the wildfires and dealing with Solid Waste debris management.

Round Robin

Richard

- Thank you to everyone who was involved in the BOSC process. The Administrator was impressed. We are looking forward to the first teleconference.
- Narragansett workshop –
 - It was an unfortunate situation where the scientists did not give their presentations. Richard met with the Administrator who said he is empowering ORD, to make final presentation decisions instead of OPA.
- 3 principles for determining attendance at conferences
 1. Fiscally prudent – send scientists to conferences with the biggest bang for the buck.
 2. Stick to science and not policy.
 3. Transparency – be proud of our work and if asked for data give it freely.

Bruce

- We will be rebooting the StRAPs by 9/30/18. Updating them and aligning them with the strategic plan.
- Please send comments to Bruce with a cc to Megan Fleming by cob Wednesday on the draft of Unanticipated Research.

Chris

- Continuing conversations on mission measures. There will be another check in with the EC before Henry Darwin's December deadline.

OSA

- The 2016 Scientific Integrity survey is now on the intranet site.
- Best practices went back to Scientific Integrity Committee for one last review.
- Awaiting the Final Notice of Proposed Rulemaking to delay implementation of the Common Rule.
- Draft outline for the PFAS roadmap was distributed to the points of contact of the Coordinating Committee.

OSP

- Fred and Maggie LaVay are in Region 5.
- OSP has sent out a request for nominations for a co-chair to the Tribal Science Council. Please send Fred Hauchman nominations by Tuesday, November 14.

CSS

- FIFRA Science Advisory Panel meeting will be held from 11/28-30.
- Chemical Prioritization Workgroup public meeting is scheduled for 12/11.

OPARM

- There probably will be another continuing resolution.

NCER

- Two separate grantee annual meetings last week were held on children's centers and water quality benefits.

SHC

- A public grantee meeting on healthy schools was held last week in Philadelphia. School Administrators were invited to attend to learn about the work.

ACE

- Dan Costa was on a panel at the Yale Environmental Sustainability Symposium this weekend.
 - Dan will look at materials that can be shared with the EC and identify potential speakers to present at a future EC meeting.

NHEERL

- Gulf Breeze has visiting dignitaries from China this week from the International Visitor Leadership Program.
- CDC shared a podcast of Wayne Cascio discussing the role clinicians can play in mitigating the adverse effects particle pollution has on cardiovascular health with the Cardiovascular Health Network of the National Association of Chronic Disease Directors.
- Wayne is attending the APHA meeting in Atlanta with Kacee Deener. The focus of this meeting is translating science into action to improve public health. Monica Linnenbrink led a session on air pollution and cardiovascular health.

NCCT

- Public meeting is being held on Alternative Strategic Plan for OCSPP.

NERL

- Issued the 7th report to NC DEQ on the Cape Fear River discharges. There was a spike in the concentration of GenX at the outfall of the facility and the drinking water plant. We do not know how many more sampling rounds will be requested.
- Responding to a request from NH DES to analyze stack samples to determine air emissions impact in New Hampshire.

OARS

- ORD's 36th honor awards will be held on Tuesday from 1 to 3pm. A calendar update with locations will go out tomorrow.

NRMRL

- Wednesday there will be an all hands meeting to kick off the New Year and rolling out new tools and techniques.
- Flint – Regan Murray will be going to Flint to demonstrate a model with people from the city government.
- There is a November 13 court order established for the City to choose the drinking water source.
- There was a steam leak at the full containment center. Staff may be relocated

because of the lack of heat until the repairs are completed.

NHSRC

- Several members from Homeland are attending a conference in Indianapolis this week. The CBRNe Convergence 2017 conference merges civilian and military response to terrorism and all hazard threats. Greg will be giving a plenary talk on Homeland Security research.